

#### 4.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The criteria for geographical eligibility, in terms of the place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and of the origin of supplies purchased, that are established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply.

The Commission's responsible authorising officer may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of services in the markets of the countries or territories concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where application of the eligibility rules would make the realisation of this action impossible or exceedingly difficult (Article 28(10) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation).

#### 4.5 Indicative budget

Indicative budget components <sup>10</sup>	EU contribution (amount in EUR)
<b>Emergency response to the Virunga-North Kivu triple crisis, composed of:</b>	
<b>Grants</b> – total envelope under section 4.3.1	3 262 595.22
<b>Evaluation</b> – cf. section 5.2 <b>Audit</b> – cf. section 5.3	Included in the component
<b>Contingencies</b>	N.A.
<b>Totals</b>	3 262 595.22

#### 4.6 Organisational set-up and responsibilities

ICCN staff and Virunga Foundation employees (approximately 700 ICCN rangers and 700 civilian staff) work under the authority of a single management entity in the field. The park's headquarters are located in Rumangabo, North Kivu. Activities take place across various locations inside and outside the park's territory. Departments are structured in four categories: management, security, development and support. Continuous efforts are made to strengthen the management's capabilities across its operating areas, including through the recruitment and training of skilled managers from DRC.

The Virunga Foundation's registered address is in London, UK. One employee works at the headquarters.

A Steering Committee will be established and will be responsible for the general oversight, policy guidance and monitoring of the programme. The Commission and the selected implementing partners are members of the Steering Committee. The main responsibilities of the Steering Committee are to: i) provide strategic direction on the operations of the programmes; ii) receive information and give feedback on monitoring and evaluation exercises with regard to progress in meeting the objectives; iii) review and approve the annual progress and financial reports; iv) review and approve forecast budgets and work plans; v) provide guidance on operations.

As part of its prerogative relating to budget implementation, and to safeguard the financial interests of the Union, the Commission may participate in the above governance structures set up to govern implementation of

<sup>10</sup> N.B: The final text on audit/verification depends on the outcome of ongoing discussions on pooling of funding in (one or a limited number of) Decision(s) and the subsequent financial management, i.e. for the conclusion of audit contracts and payments.